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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004 (Paper No. 1204), Applicant brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner:.

On November 5, 2003, at the time of filing the Application herein, Applicant included a Preliminary Amendment, copy of which is enclosed, which canceled claims 1-5 and added claims 6, 7 and 8. Also attached hereto is a copy of the return receipt postcard reflecting receipt of the Preliminary Amendment by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant requests that the Restriction requirement dated December 16, 2004, be withdrawn and the new claims examined.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no 524092000310. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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